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June 10, 2008

Susan Gendron
Commissioner of Education
Maine Department of Education
23 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Commissioner Gendron:

The enclosed information concerning Long Island's Alternative Plan is forwarded as requested in your April 11, 2008 correspondence which asks for submission of revisions to the Long Island School Plan by June 13, 2008 for review by the DOE Reorganization Management Team.

Sincerely,

David Gaul
David Gaul
Superintendent/Agent
Town of Long Island School

ALTERNATIVE PLAN SUBMITTAL SHEET

School Administrative Unit Submitting Alternative Plan:

- Long Island

Contact Information:

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Date Plan Submitted by SAU: November 27, 2007

The intent to submit an alternative plan has been approved by the Commissioner in the approval of the Notice of Intent?

☒ YES

☐ NO

(If NO, please explain.)

Alternative Plan Cover Sheet

(Please attach Alternative Plan as Exhibit A)

Plan Requirements				
Item	Complete	In Progress	Not Yet Started	Need Assistance ¹
Plan addresses how the SAU will reorganize administrative functions, duties and noninstructional personnel so that projected expenditures of RSU in fiscal 2008-2009 for the following areas will not have an adverse impact on the instructional program.				
system administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
special education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
facilities and maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plan addresses how cost savings will be achieved in fiscal 2008-2009 for the above four areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parameters for Plan Development				
Enrollment meets requirements (2,500 except where circumstances justify an exception)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When viewed in conjunction with surrounding proposed units, may not result in one or more municipalities being denied the option to join an RSU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Includes at least one publicly supported high school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consistent with policies set forth in section 1451	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No displacement of teachers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No displacement of students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No closures of schools existing or operating during school year immediately preceding reorganization, except as permitted under section 1512	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collaborative Agreements				
		Yes	No	
Does your plan currently include information/documentation on collaborative agreements? (not required, but encouraged)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

¹ Please explain what assistance you need to complete this portion of your plan, and state from whom you need assistance, on the next page.

Updated: June 9, 2008

Long Island Adopted Budget Information

	<u>Column 1</u>	
	Adopted 2008-09	Current 2007-08
System Administration	32,185	32,185
Transportation	33,500	33,500
Special Education	19,600	19,600
Facilities Maintenance	30,050	28,130

Approval of the School Budget by Long Island voters took place on May 10,2008 with referendum validation on May 19 .

- Projected expenditures are noted in column 1 above
- Three of four areas in column 1 have no increase over current year expenses
- Facilities Maintenance line shows a cost increase over the current year

Long Island works to meet and enhance efficiencies and cost savings with stringent academic and fiscal operation standards.

With no negative impact on the academic program or the overall school operation, Long Island " school budget increase for 2008-09 is less then .008% with the only increase in cost in plant maintenance:

Updated June 9,2008

The following is forwarded in response to requests made by the Commissioner's correspondence dated April 11,2008

Enclosures

- * Copy of April 11, 2008 letter from the Commissioner**
- * Updated submittal page (June 9,2008)**
- * Cover sheet checklist updated (June 9,2008)**
- * Specified areas of adopted 2008-09 School Budget compared to current f/y budget**
- * Assurance statement : on file as submitted in response to December 14,2007 request**
- * Parameters section updated (June 9,2008)**



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SUSAN A. GENDRON

COMMISSIONER

April 11, 2008

David Gaul, Superintendent
Long Island School Department
33 Fern Avenue
Long Island, ME 04050

Dear Superintendent Gaul:

Thank you for the revised Alternative Plan that you submitted on behalf of Long Island School Department on April 7, 2008 for Department review for compliance with the school reorganization law, P.L. 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX.

I recognize how much time, effort and thoughtful work is required to complete an alternative plan and appreciate the efforts made, to date, by all those involved.

Members of my staff and I have reviewed the submission and offer the comments and notes listed below to assist you in completing the plan. If you make any substantive change(s) to any part of the plan beyond those listed below, please be sure to note those on the Updated Alternative Plan Cover Sheet Checklist, along with notation of those items that have changed per the notes contained in this response.

General Documentation (Submittal Sheet)

- All information submitted as required.

Checklist/Plan Text Items

Items Checked "Complete"

With respect to the items you checked as "complete", please note the following:

** Required Items*

Each alternative plan must provide detailed projected expenditures and cost savings in FY 2008-2009 for system administration, transportation, special education, and facilities and maintenance in accordance with P.L. 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX-36(6)(F). Please clarify if there will be any cost savings achieved by using FY '09 budget information, or a projection of it. When providing the projected budget, expenditures and cost savings, you may want to

consider using the guidance offered in the Drummond Woodsum workshop materials. If you have questions, please email Karla Miller or Suzan Beaudoin at karla.miller@maine.gov or suzan.beaudoin@maine.gov for assistance.

We will review all items on the checklist again, upon your completion of the plan.

SUBMISSION OF REVISIONS:

Please provide the additional materials to complete your plan by June 13, 2008.
Please include:

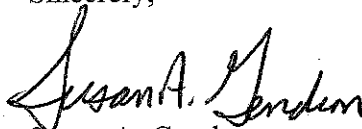
- Any additional data required
- An updated Submittal Page
- An updated Cover Sheet Checklist
- A copy of this Response from the Commissioner.

I will respond no more than 14 days after the revisions/additional materials are refiled with the Department. As you are the contact person identified on the Submittal Sheet, this response is addressed to you but with the understanding that you will share it with your school administrative unit board members.

Finally, what I am reviewing for approval is a plan (or a submission, if the plan is incomplete) which is by its very nature prospective, with steps yet to be taken or finalized; and any review comments or approval given are in relation to the elements required under P.L. 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX but not the legality of all the activities proposed. Thus, I strongly recommend that you have your own legal advisor(s) review the details of any particular transaction proposed in your plan (particularly with respect to the disposition of property, to debt, and to employee contracts/relations) as you proceed, to ensure the legality of the steps you'll be taking to implement the plan. If that review leads to any substantive changes in any parts of your plan, please be sure to submit an amended plan to the Department for our review and our file.

Again, my sincere thanks for your efforts.

Sincerely,



Susan A. Gendron
Commissioner of Education

Exhibit A

**Maine Department of Education
Alternative Plan Financial Review**

School Administrative Unit: Long Island

1. 100% Essential Programs and Services

10/1/2006 Enrollment	Required Local	Additional Local	ED 281 Line 60 Subsidy	Taxes and Subsidy	100% EPS	Amount Over (Under) EPS	Percent Over (Under) EPS
27.81	\$ 206,679	\$ 156,917	\$ 16,122	\$ 379,717	\$ 241,980	\$ 137,738	56.92%

2. System Administration

FY '08 Budget*	K - 8	Assessment 9 - 12	Total	Less Revenues	Amount Over (Under) Assessment	Percent Over (Under) Assessment
\$ 18,311	\$ 7,690	\$ 2,275	\$ 9,965	\$ -	\$ 8,346	83.76%

Estimated 2008-09 100% EPS Allocation based on student counts used for 2007-08 funding = **\$ 5,673**

3. Operations and Maintenance of Facilities

FY '08 Budget*	K - 8	Assessment 9 - 12	Total	Less Revenues	Amount Over (Under) Assessment	Percent Over (Under) Assessment
\$ 36,826	\$ 20,478	\$ 7,259	\$ 27,737	\$ -	\$ 9,089	32.77%

Estimated 2008-09 100% EPS Allocation based on student counts used for 2007-08 funding = **\$ 27,204**

4. Special Education

FY '08 Budget*	Assessment	Less Revenues	Amount Over (Under) Assessment	Percent Over (Under) Assessment
\$ 20,158	\$ 30,975	\$ -	\$ (10,817)	-34.92%

Estimated 2008-09 100% EPS Allocation based on student counts used for 2007-08 funding = **Not Available**

5. Transportation

FY '08 Budget*	Assessment	Less Revenues	Amount Over (Under) Assessment	Percent Over (Under) Assessment
\$ 32,700	\$ 25,371	\$ -	\$ 7,329	28.89%

Estimated 2008-09 100% EPS Allocation based on student counts used for 2007-08 funding = **\$ 24,103**

*FY '08 Budget information from MEDMS Financial Reporting.